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By Senator Rockefeller

1 On page 2, after line 36, insert the following:

2 "Sec. 2. RCW 16.30.040 and 2007 c 238 s 5 are each amended to read
3 as follows:

4 (1) The animal control authority or a law enforcement officer may
5 immediately confiscate a potentially dangerous wild animal if:

6 (a) The animal control authority or law enforcement officer has
7 probable cause to believe that the animal was acquired after July 22,
8 2007, in violation of RCW 16.30.030;

9 (b) The animal poses a public safety or health risk;

10 (c) The animal is in poor health and condition as a result of the
11 possessor; or

12 (d) The animal is being held in contravention of (~~the~~[~~this~~])
13 this act.

14 (2) A potentially dangerous wild animal that is confiscated under
15 this section may be returned to the possessor only if the animal
16 control authority or law enforcement officer establishes that the
17 possessor had possession of the animal prior to July 22, 2007, and the
18 return does not pose a public safety or health risk.

19 (3) The animal control authority or law enforcement officer shall
20 serve notice upon the possessor in person or by regular and certified
21 mail, return receipt requested, notifying the possessor of the
22 confiscation, that the possessor is responsible for payment of
23 reasonable costs for caring and providing for the animal during the
24 confiscation, and that the possessor must meet the requirements of
25 subsection (2) of this section in order for the animal to be returned
26 to the possessor.

27 (4) If a potentially dangerous wild animal confiscated under this
28 section is not returned to the possessor, the animal control authority
29 or law enforcement officer may release the animal to a facility such as
30 a wildlife sanctuary or a facility exempted pursuant to RCW 16.30.020.

1 If the animal control authority or law enforcement officer is unable to
2 relocate the animal within a reasonable period of time, it may
3 euthanize the animal.

4 (5) An animal control authority or law enforcement officer may
5 euthanize a potentially dangerous wild animal under this section only
6 if all known reasonable placement options, including relocation to a
7 wildlife sanctuary, are unavailable.

8 (6) An animal control authority may not under any circumstances
9 lethally remove a wolf-hybrid.

10 (7) This section applies to animal confiscations on or after July
11 22, 2007."

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12 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "16.30.010" insert "and
13 16.30.040"

EFFECT: Establishes that an animal control officer cannot kill a
wolf-hybrid under any circumstances.

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